

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Thursday, February 28, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Walker and Meekhof.

The Chair laid HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073 before the committee.

- HB 5065 McDowell** Water; conservation; water withdrawals and water diversions; regulate.
- HB 5066 Meadows** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify certain registration and reporting requirements and require conservation measures.
- HB 5067 Brown** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; enhance enforcement.
- HB 5068 Coulouris** Water; conservation; water withdrawal; regulate.
- HB 5069 Warren** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide for a water withdrawal assessment tool.
- HB 5070 Sak** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify authority for water users committees and local ordinances.
- HB 5071 Corriveau** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; require evaluation of certain proposed waterworks systems.
- HB 5072 Valentine** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; regulate bottled water facilities.
- HB 5073 Kathleen Law** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide department of environmental quality with rule-making authority.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association, testified in opposition to the water use package.*

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of the water use package.*

Scott Piggott and Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in opposition to the water use package.

Cyndi Roper, representing Clean Water Action, testified in support of the water use package.*

Tom Fraizer, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the water use package.

George Carr, representing the Michigan Groundwater Association, testified in opposition to the water use package.

The following people submitted cards indicating a neutral position on the water use package, but did not wish to speak:

Ed Kretchman, representing the Berrien County Farm Bureau,
Tony Pung, representing the Ionia County Farm Bureau.

The following people submitted cards in support of the water use package, but did not wish to speak:

Brain Beanchamp, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters,
Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club,
Representative Sak, representing the 76th House District.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to the water use package, but did not wish to speak:

James Barker, representing Walters Garden Inc.,
Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties,
Winston Feeheley, representing DTE Energy,
Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce,
Cathy Wilson, representing Consumers Energy,
Tim Neumann, representing the Michigan Rural Water Association,
David Worthams, representing the Michigan Municipal League,
Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association,
Ben Kudwa, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan Inc.,
Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Ruswick, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, answered questions from the committee.

Representative Robertson moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Miller, Palmer and Moolenaar.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:30 a.m.

Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
February 28, 2008
2 hour 30 minutes

Proposed